

# University of Western Australia Defence and Security Institute

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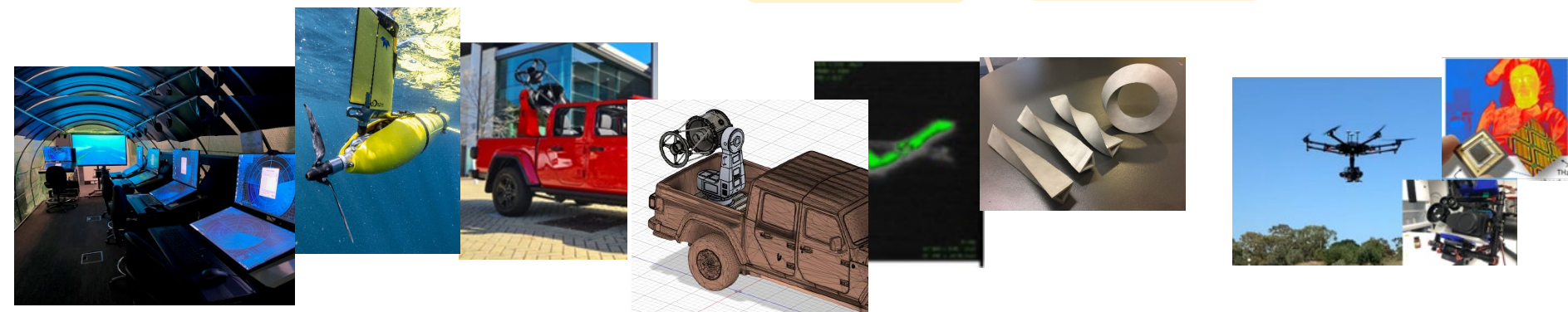
The University of Western Australia (UWA), a global top 100 University with a rich tradition of academic excellence and innovation, stands as a key partner in advancing Australia's defence and security agenda and capability needs. Central to UWA's efforts in this critical area is the Defence and Security Institute (UWA DSI). This premier institution consolidates and channels UWA's expertise in defence and security research, engagement, and education.

In a time where geopolitical tides are shifting and national security is front of mind in policy considerations, UWA DSI emerges as a leading entity, working collaboratively with a focus on the dynamic Indo-Pacific region we leverage local perspectives and expertise on issues such as disruptive and converging technologies; defence industry; defence capability development and maritime security; Australia's international and defence relations and regional security.

Our commitment at UWA, utilising UWA DSI as a facilitator and driver of partnerships and activities, is unwavering: to align our capabilities with Australia's strategic needs, collaborating with local, state, and federal governments, industry stakeholders and the wider research community to drive forward solutions that support a peaceful, prosperous, and secure future for our nation and the broader Indo-Pacific region.

## Our Focus Areas

- **Sensing, Quantum and AI**
- **Coastal and Maritime Defence**
- **Human Decision Science**
- **Law and Policy**
- **Health and Biosecurity**



These have been strategically crafted to engage with and support key national priorities. Recognising the pivotal nature of initiatives like the Australian Strategic Capability Accelerator (ASCA), AUKUS, and DSTG's STaR Shots, our approach seeks to seamlessly integrate academic and research excellence with the nation's defence and security blueprint. In doing so, UWA endeavours to bolster Australia's defence posture, ensuring our contributions are both relevant and impactful in the broader national and regional context.